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### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

#### 7:00-8:00

#### **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

#### 8:00-8:15

#### **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

#### 8:15-9:15

#### "Rulemaking and Examination Guidance"

**Sharon Marsh**—Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy

Ms. Marsh will discuss current trends and demands of the expanding trademark practice before the USPTO, including proposed rule changes and amendments to the Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure.

#### 9:15-10:15

#### "Trademark Operation Update"

**Deborah Cohn**—Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Operations

Ms. Cohn's presentation will focus on the initiatives being undertaken to continue the USPTO's cutting edge operations and responsiveness to trademark owners and practitioners worldwide, including information about agency workload, the TEAS electronic filing system, and progress on agency goals.

#### 10:15-10:30

#### **Break**

#### 10:30-11:45

#### "Update on TTAB Practice and Procedure"

J. David Sams—Chief Administrative Trademark Judge of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

Judge Sams will provide relevant and insightful advice to assist practitioners in effectively representing clients before the TTAB. Topics will include recent cases, the effect of the recent TTAB rule changes and a discussion on fraud post-Medinol.

#### 12:00-1:30

#### Luncheon Keynote: "IP Management in Academia"

Anne H. Chasser, Associate Vice President, Intellectual Property Office, University of Cincinnati

Ms. Chasser, formerly Commissioner for Trademarks for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, will speak on academic technology transfer and intellectual property management.

#### TRACK 1

#### 1:45-3:00

#### "Post-Registration: The World—International Trademark Enforcement and Anti-Counterfeiting"

Moderator Alan M. Kindred

& Panelist: Attorney, La Canada, CA

Panelist: Kevin S. Kozak

Deputy Special Agent in Charge,

Los Angeles Office of

Investigations, US Immigration and

Customs Enforcement

This panel will discuss practical techniques in different industries for the effective use of ICE to enforce IP rights at the docks and other points of entry into the US. Each panelist has extensive experience in stopping illegal imports and will provide tips on the written and unwritten code of stopping knock-offs.

#### TRACK 2

#### 1:45-3:00

#### "Branding, Licensing, and Sponsorship"

**Panelist:** Gary Rinkerman, Baker and

Hostetler, LLP, Washington, DC

**Panelist:** Robert Hollander, Brand Sense

Partners, LLC, Los Angeles, CA

Panelist: Wayne Watkins, IOS Media,

Torrance, CA

A practical discussion of how to develop an existing brand into a profitable and well controlled licensing powerhouse, and the benefits and pitfalls of sponsorship as it relates to trademarks.

#### **Break**

#### TRACK 1

#### 3:15-4:30

"TTAB Rule Changes"

Moderator: Alan M. Kindred,

Attorney, La Canada, CA

Panelist: Frances Wolfson,

Interlocutory Attorney, Trademark

Trial and Appeal Board

Panelist: Gary Krugman,

Sughrue Mion, PLLC, Washington, D.C.

This panel will focus on the new TTAB rule changes, and discuss policy rationale for the changes and practical pointers to effectively negotiate the new landscape of TTAB practice.

#### TRACK 2

#### 3:15-4:30

"Apparel Licensing & Private Labeling" (LA)

Moderator Barbara Kolsun,

**& Panelist:** Former General Counsel of

7 for All Mankind, New York, NY

The panel will explore how to license a brand in apparel and create the cross branding strategies that many mark owners desire to increase their revenue streams. Also discussed, as another source of revenue, will be how to effectively use trademark rights to create a profitable private labeling business.

"Enforcing the License Agreement: Royalty Audits, Collections, and Litigation" (SF)

Panelist: Thomas J. Speiss III,

Venable, LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Panelist: Michael Quackenbush,

Miller, Kaplan, Arase, and Co.,

LLP, San Francisco, CA

Panelist: Michael Wagner,

CRA International, Palo Alto, CA

Once you have a trademark license in place, you must enforce it and make sure that you are paid the proper royalty. The panel will focus on effective lawyering to leverage the rights you have through audits and litigation.

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

#### 4:30-5:30

Shootout at the ICANN Corral: Domainers v. Trademark Owners

**Moderator:** Mike Rodenbaugh,

Rodenbaugh Law, San Francisco, CA

Panelist for Domainer Viewpoint: John Berryhill, PhD., Media, PA

Panelist for Trademark Owner Viewpoint: David J. Steele,

Christie, Parker and Hale, LLP, Newport Beach, CA

Mike Rodenbaugh was formerly Yahoo's primary attorney in charge of intellectual property and enforcement. He will moderate a lively discussion between one of the most prominent and outspoken attorneys for domainers and one of the most successful attorneys who litigates against domainers on behalf of trademark owners.

#### 5:30-7:00

#### Reception and Roundtable with USPTO Senior Attorneys J. Bret Golden and April Rademacher

This is a new feature that will allow you to have a drink, sit at a table, and ask candid questions of Senior Attorneys from the Trademark Office.

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